

responsibility is to advise SOLE's Board of Directors on strategic direction in the field of logistics. During this year's annual SOLE conference, Anderson attended and participated in his first BOA meeting. During this session he had the opportunity to emphasize the benefits that may evolve for the participants of the MOU as well as the defense logistics workforce and community.

### Educational Panel

Anderson also participated in the educational panel on Educational Initiatives in Defense Logistics, focusing on further professionalism of logistics practitioners by means of a standardized certification process. Anderson, as a leader of corporate training in DoD, provided a strategic overview of DAU training activities, emphasizing DAU as a corporate university for DoD acquisition training. He also discussed the near- and long-term goals and objectives of DAU's current logistics curricula development endeavors.

Other panel presentations included Dr. Martha C. Cooper, Fisher College of Business, Ohio State University; and Dr. John V. Farr, Professor and Founding Director, Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, Stevens Institute. Panelists discussed their institution's educational contributions to the field of logistics; their contributions to DoD; how their efforts complement each other; and how they can benefit the Society by working collectively together. The focus of discussion pertained to changes taking place in the field of logistics, and how educational institutions are meeting this challenge. The audience engaged in a robust discussion regarding these topics during and after the one and one-half hour session.

### A Good Day for Logisticians

As the keynote speaker at SOLE's Annual Awards Banquet, Anderson spoke of the positive learning experience and better understanding of the important role of logisticians in both defense and industry. Emphasizing that there is no substitute for good leadership in any field to ensure mission success, he

promised to provide training opportunities for those who have the task of sustaining the warfighter in times of conflict and non-conflict. As a proud member of SOLE, Anderson said he would help provide the type of leadership necessary to ensure that logisticians would receive the training and education they need to effectively and properly perform their jobs and grow in their chosen career field.

The leadership within DAU and SOLE are both eager to work together as part-

ners to begin implementing the terms of the MOU. The strategic alliance between these two organizations is a major step toward providing needed training and education for the logistician in a rapidly changing and challenging competitive world environment.

**Editor's Note:** For more information on this strategic partnership, contact Russ Vacante, Curricula Development and Support Center, DAU, at [Russ.Vacante@dau.mil](mailto:Russ.Vacante@dau.mil).

## Defense Acquisition University and the Catholic University of America Form Strategic Partnership

**C**ontinuing its goal of advancing educational opportunities for the DoD Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) workforce by leveraging other educational opportunities, on July 31 the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and Catholic University of America (CUA) School of Engineering entered into a strategic partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the DAU Headquarters, Fort Belvoir, Va. Signatories of the MOU were DAU President Frank Anderson Jr., and Dr. Charles C. Nguyen, Dean, School of Engineering, CUA.

Signing of the MOU lays the foundation for DAU and CUA to pursue educational opportunities and facilitate the transfer of American Council on Education credit recommendations, or other credit-bearing transcribed courses earned by the DoD AT&L workforce, toward a Master of Science in Engineering Management or Certificate of Engineering Management.

For further information on this partnership, contact Wayne Glass, DAU Director for Strategic Partnerships, at [Wayne.Glass@dau.mil](mailto:Wayne.Glass@dau.mil).



Dr. Charles C. Nguyen, Dean, School of Engineering, Catholic University of America (left), and DAU President Frank Anderson Jr.

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